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GOVERNMENT-INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM ON OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTRUMENTATION IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 16-17

A Government-Industry Symposium on Oceanographic Instrumentation will be held in the Department of the Interior Auditorium by the Inter-agency Committee on Oceanography on August 16-17, 1961, it was announced today.

One of the most serious problem areas in the National Oceanographic Program is that of instrumentation. Existing methods of data collection and processing must be radically improved. Consequently, the primary objective of the forthcoming symposium is to focus attention in this critical area and to make known to representatives of United States industry the oceanographic instrumentation requirements which confront the Nation and which must be solved if the national objectives in the field of oceanography are to be fulfilled. The symposium will be open to all companies interested in oceanographic instrumentation and data handling.

The instrumentation to be discussed during this symposium will be unclassified and will reflect the requirements of Federal and non-Federal activities and both military and non-military applications. It will include basic and applied research aspects as well as ocean surveys and will apply to underway and stopped shipborne operations and to individual instruments and instrument systems. The subject matter will involve the following disciplines: physical and chemical oceanography, marine geology, geomagnetics, gravity, bathymetry, marine biology, radiobiology, meteorology, special fisheries investigations, and others.

Due to the technical level of topics which will be discussed, the large number of companies expected to send representatives and the limited capacity of

the auditorium, it may be necessary to restrict the number of representatives from each company. Therefore, advanced registration will be required for admittance to the symposium. Names, titles, and mailing addresses of representatives in priority order of attendance should be sent to Donald L. McKernan, Chairman, Panel on Facilities, Equipment and Instrumentation, Interagency Committee on Oceanography, in care of Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Department of the Interior, Washington 25.

The Interagency Committee on Oceanography is the organization established by the Federal Council for Science and Technology to coordinate the United States National Oceanographic Program currently being carried out by Federal agencies having an interest in oceanography. This Interagency Committee represents the Departments of Defense; Commerce; Interior; Health, Education and Welfare; State; Treasury; the Atomic Energy Commission; and the National Science Foundation.

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